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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2002, and is submitted with a petition for a two month extension of time and the required fee, making this a timely response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, including for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No.: A-58762-20 (468267-00034)/RMS/RMK/CYO).

In reply to the Office Action addressing the Obviousness-type Double Patenting rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this response as to co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/306,749. As for co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/602,618, that application has been abandoned, thus rendering moot the basis of the rejection.

Applicants respectfully submit that this reply is fully responsive to the Office Action.

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If the Examiner believes that there are further unresolved issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to direct any inquiries in connection with this application to the undersigned attorney at (415) 781-1989.

Respectfully submitted,

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